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| <i>In re</i> Patent Application of |) | |
| Kengo AKIMOTO <i>et al.</i> |) | Group Art Unit: 1655 |
| Application No.: 09/807,541 |) | Examiner: Kailash C. Srivastava, Ph.D. |
| Filed: April 13, 2001 |) | Confirmation No.: 7683 |
| For: MICROORGANISMS THAT |) | |
| EXTRACELLULARLY SECRETE |) | |
| LIPIDS AND METHODS OF |) | |
| PRODUCING LIPID AND LIPID |) | |
| VESICLES ENCAPSULATING |) | |
| LIPIDS USING SAID |) | |
| MICROORGANISMS |) | |

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 2, 2005, the period for response to which is set to expire on March 2, 2006, with a three month extension of time and payment of the requisite fees, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal and the requisite fee.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11.

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